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Docket No. 17177
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application of:

Inventor(s): Warren Hale Lewis, Terence Mason Ward, David Kenneth Lucas

For: AN NxM OPTICAL SWITCH HAVING A SIMPLIFIED ALIGNMENT MEANS

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- Specification and Claims
 Declaration or Oath and Petition, Power of Attorney
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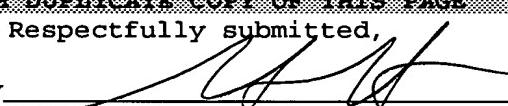
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